

The Sunday School Lesson

By Ben Newsome

Lesson July 9, 1 Thess. 1: 2:17-20; 4:13-18.

We have just studied the historical part of Paul preaching in Thessalonica, and now we read his letter to the church at that place written at a later date. The portion of his letter which is chosen for study has two phases, first a personal appeal to the members and calling into remembrance his own conduct among them, and second an exhortation to clear living and preparation for the second coming of Christ. These people were living among the most uncivilized and highly civilized people of that age, yet a people notable for their fidelity of morals. It was necessary, then, that the early Christians in these surroundings should be impressed with the importance of avoiding many sins that their fellow-citizens passed by as a matter of course. They were especially warned against the enticements of lust and, as a commercial people, especially cautioned against sharp practices in trade.

In regard to Paul's review of his own conduct among them, we find that he was outspoken and frank in his presentation of the gospel, resorting to no revivalist tricks, and making no effort to curry favor with anyone, except to win their confidence in a straightforward way. His effort was to speak the pleasure of God, rather than of men, and made no pretense of flattery. Again, there was no hint of covetousness in his methods. He was not seeking either personal glory or monetary gain, going rather to the other extreme, in that he and his associates endeavored to make their own way and not be a burden on the generosity of those whom they had come to teach. There was no taking up of big collections, nor of "sampling out" on the brethren. All these things are recited by Paul. Not to take unusual credit to

himself for righteousness, but as an evidence that he was seeking the good of men's souls rather than any gain for himself, and that his word, therefore, was entitled to the more confidence on account of being free of selfishness. The second view is an exhortation to the Thessalonians to "walk in brotherly love and industry, avoiding meddling with other people's business, and presenting a beautiful example to those who knew not the grace of God. This is one thing that should be given greater importance by the Christian of today. His duty does not quit with the satisfaction of his own conscience, but his conduct should be largely ordered so as to show the unbeliever that there is power in the gospel to make a man live a better life. Best of all, though, he assures them that those who have passed away from this life are not to be mourned for as would those who had no hope for a future life. It is sinful to cry over the departed saint as though some great calamity had overtaken him. It is rather an occasion of rejoicing that his work is done and he has come to rest. Just as surely as Jesus rose from the dead, just so surely those who have died in the faith will rise with him when he comes to claim his own. When the great day comes "the dead in Christ shall rise first" and the living children of God will be caught up with them and so to meet the Lord, to be parted from him and each other no more. This, then, is our comfort, that when the Lord comes to take his children home to glory, "them also that are fallen asleep in Jesus will God bring with him."

Where to Worship Today

CHRISTIAN.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH—Corner Fourth street and Boulder avenue. J. W. Darby, minister. Lord's Day services. Bible school 9:45 a. m.; Lord's supper and preaching 11 a. m. Subject, "Weariness in Well Doing." Endeavor services 6:45 p. m.; preaching, 8 p. m. Subject, "Can We Understand the Bible?" Our music is equal to the best and better than most.

METHODIST.

BOSTON AVENUE METHODIST CHURCH SOUTH—Corner Fifth and Boston. Louis S. Barton, pastor. 9:30 a. m., Sunday school. Carl Duffield, supt.; 11 a. m., preaching by the pastor; 3 p. m., Missionary league; 7 p. m., Senior league; 8 p. m., preaching by the Presiding Elder Rev. J. M. Ball. The public is cordially invited to attend these services. We have good music, earnest preaching and a glad hand for all. The pastor preaches at Tipton Memorial at the night hour, corner Fifth and Main.

TIGERT MEMORIAL METHODIST—Main and Easton streets. James E. McConnell, pastor. Morning worship at 10:50, quiet talk by pastor, service closing at 11:45. Evening worship at 8 p. m., at which time Rev. L. S. Barton, pastor of Boston

Avenue church, will preach, Sunday school at 9:45 and league at 7:15.

THE FIRST METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH—Fifth and Boulder. Frank Neff, pastor. 6:09 South Cheyenne. Sunday school 9:30. Preaching, 10:45, subject, "A Good Citizen." Intermediate league, 8 p. m.; Epworth league, 7:30; preaching, 8 p. m., subject, "Contrasted Destinies." Special music both services under direction of Mrs. A. W. Hine. Strangers cordially invited.

GRACE METHODIST EPISCOPAL. Corner Third and Trenton. Samuel B. Peck, pastor. Sunday school 9:45 a. m. Preaching 11 o'clock. Junior league, 3 o'clock. Miss Dunaway, superintendent. Epworth league, 7 o'clock. Evening service 8 o'clock. Prayer meeting Wednesday 8 o'clock p. m. This is your church. We want you to come.

PRESBYTERIAN.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. Seventh and Boston. C. E. Barr, pastor. Sunday services July 2, 1916: 9:30 a. m., Sunday school; J. M. Hall, supt.; classes for all ages; 10:55 a. m., morning sermon, communion service, reception of members and baptism of infants. The session will meet in the pastor's study at 10:30 to receive any others who desire to unite with the church. 2:30 p. m. Junior C. E.; 7 p. m. Senior C. E.; 8 p. m., evening service. The choir will give a special program of music. A sermonette by the pastor, "A Call to the Colors." Last musical service for the summer.

RULIETTE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH—Mr. Seymour, pastor. 10 a. m. Sunday school. Mr. C. S. Edwards, supt.; classes for all ages. Short sermon following Sunday school. "Value of Friends." 8 p. m., evening service, subject, "Christian Patriotism." A cordial invitation is extended to those living in this part of the city to worship with us.

COLLEGE HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH—Services in Kendall public school, corner Seventh and McCoy. H. C. Millard, pastor. 10 a. m. Sunday school; 11 a. m., preaching service. Theme, "Invisible Defences." 7 p. m., preaching service. Theme, "Jesus and the World." Cottage prayer meeting on Thursday evenings.

CHEROKEE HEIGHTS METHODIST—Services in Cherokee Heights school. H. C. Millard, pastor. Sunday services: 2:30 p. m., Sunday school; 2:45 p. m., preaching services.

NORTH SIDE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH—Cheyenne and Cameron streets. Charles E. Williams, pastor. Bible school 10 a. m.; Mrs. George W. Groves, superintendent. Preaching at 11 a. m. and at 8 p. m.

CATHOLIC.

HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH—Corner Eighth and Boulder. Rev. John Heiring, pastor. First holy mass at 7 a. m., with short sermon. Children's mass at 8:45 a. m. High mass and sermon at 10 a. m. Evening services at 8 p. m. A cordial welcome to all.

LATTER DAY SAINTS.

LATTER DAY SAINTS—Tenth and Rockford. Elder W. F. Robinson in charge. Sunday school 9:45 a. m. All are cordially invited.

EPISCOPAL.

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH—Corner Fifth and Cincinnati. Rev. C. V. Kling, B. D., rector. Holy communion 8 a. m. Sunday school 9:45 a. m. Morning prayer and sermon by the rector 11 a. m. No evening prayer until October 1.

LUTHERAN.

LUTHERAN CHURCH—Fifth and Elwood. C. W. Sifford, pastor. 10 a. m., Sunday school; 11 a. m., the midsummer communion service; fifteen minute sermon, reception of members, communion and offering. Meet me there for a good day.

SPIRITUALIST.

FIRST PROGRESSIVE SPIRITUALIST CHURCH—K. P. hall (third floor), Second street, between Boston and Main. Mrs. Gertrude Hull, lecturer. Lecture 10 a. m. Children especially invited. Church and lecture at 8 p. m. Everybody welcome and invited to attend both services.

FIRST SPIRITUALIST SOCIETY—Usual Sunday evening service at the home of Mrs. Aldrich, 728 South Olympia, at 8 o'clock. A cordial welcome to all.

BAPTIST.

SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH—First and Olympia. Rev. C. M. Freese, pastor. Sunday school at 9:45. Chas. H. Fox, supt. Mrs. Miller, supt. Primary and Junior departments. Preaching services at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m., by the pastor. The Lord's supper observed at the conclusion of the morning service. B. Y. P. U. 7 p. m. Mr. Miller, president; prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock; teacher's training class immediately following. A cordial invitation to the public to worship with us.

WEST TULSA BAPTIST CHURCH. E. H. Owen, pastor. Sunday school at 10 a. m. J. J. Sitter, supt.; prayer meeting every Thursday evening; Ladies Aid meets every Wednesday afternoon; preaching at morning hour by pastor. The evening hour will be occupied by our young people with a special and instructive program. You are invited to attend these services.

IMMANUEL BAPTIST—Corner Second and Rockford. C. F. Siler, pastor; phone 5850. Bible school 9:45 a. m.; B. Y. P. U. 7 p. m. A special invitation to everybody to attend.

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CHRISTIAN SCIENCE.

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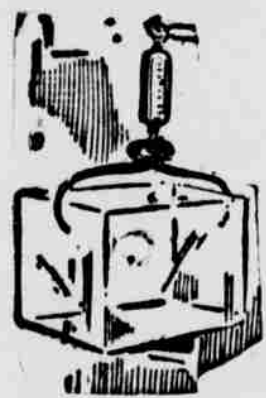
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